

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A directional control means for submerged surface suction cleaning apparatus comprising:

an elbow joint terminating in an inlet end and an outlet end, the inlet and outlet ends being inclined relative to each other and defining a peripheral groove adjacent the ends;

a first extension comprising a cuff fitted ~~to~~ over the inlet end of the elbow joint, the ~~first extension~~ cuff comprising a peripheral rib configured to engage the peripheral groove adjacent the end of the inlet end in a snap fit, so as to allow the first extension to swivel relative to the elbow joint, the first extension terminating in a protruding ~~spigot~~ socket ~~configured to be inserted into~~ to engage an outlet of a cleaning apparatus; and

a second extension comprising a cuff fitted ~~to~~ over the outlet end of the elbow joint, the second extension comprising a peripheral rib configured to engage the peripheral groove adjacent the end of the outlet end in a snap fit, so as to allow the second extension to swivel relative to the elbow joint, the second extension terminating in a protruding ~~socket configured~~ spigot to receive a ~~flexible~~ suction hose.

7. (Currently Amended) A directional control means as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 characterised in that the inlet end and the outlet end are inclined to each other at between 135° and 165°.

8. (Currently Amended) A directional control means as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 7 characterised in that the inlet end and the outlet end are inclined to each other at 150°.

9. (Currently Amended) A directional control means as claimed in claim [[1]] 6 characterised in that the peripheral rib and the peripheral groove are formed with anti-friction surfaces.